

REMARKS

Reexamination and reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Again, the undersigned would emphasize the following distinctions over Kondo. With respect to the product claims, there are three critical aspects of the coating provided in the present invention which are not taught or suggested in the art.

Again, the final rejection fails to indicate how the method claims are taught in the references applied. The method claims require a coating solution of a specific viscosity ranges and percent solids which are indicated as critical to obtaining the physical structure claimed.

The claims require film forming polymer forming the coating is on a given face of the porous substrate where the coating does not penetrate through the porous substrate to the opposite face of the porous substrate. This is extremely important in that the porous substrate must remain porous on the opposite face in order to adequately function as an oil absorbing material as claimed but also making sure that the coating is firmly anchored onto the porous substrate such that does not readily delaminate. This is a problem not addressed in the prior art nor does the prior art provide a solution to this problem.

The Kondo reference clearly does not teach this limitation. Further, the coating needing to be applied in a specific viscosity range solution and a specific solidity for this limitation to be present would not inherently flow from the teachings Kondo.

Also, the additives to the film forming polymer of the claimed invention are additives to deliver a benefit to the skin or hair upon wiping. The specific additives taught in Kondo relative to additive for inclusion within the porous film per se, not to the coating and are taught not at pages 14-15 but rather pages 6-7. These are additives that are used to modify the characteristics of the porous film which is a polymeric material and these additives would provide no benefit to the skin or hair. These additives are intended to be locked with in the polymeric structure of the thermoplastic extruded porous film. None of these additives are additives which are even capable of providing benefit to skin or hair. They are things like pigments to change the color of the thermoplastic film or surface modifying agents which would affect the hydrophobicity or hydrophilicity of the film. There would be no reason to place any of these additives into the film forming polymers taught at pages 10 of Kondo and even if one were to do so, one still would not be providing an additive suitable for delivering a benefit to skin or hair.

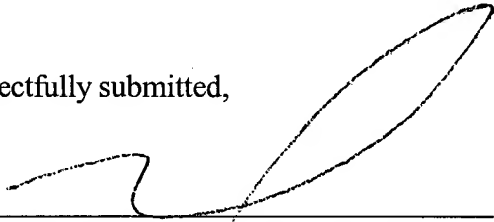
The issue of unexpected results is not relevant to the use of cosmetic-type additives in a film forming polymer layer locked into the porous substrate as claimed, as this combination of features simply not taught in Kondo. Kondo solely teaches additives in his base film layer to effect properties of his film layer. Every film known to man has additives for one purpose or another. The issue is that Kondo does not teach the claimed article. The key with the claimed article is that the additives are firmly bonded to the film backing layer without being in the film layer. They are bonded to the porous film layer by a firmly anchored film forming polymer layer. The film forming polymer layer is anchored by making sure it penetrates the porous film, but not by much that it blocks all the pores of the film layer. This is very important. The film forming polymer layer is allowed to penetrate too much would block off the pores of the porous film and if it did not penetrate, it would easily fall off in normal use. The Examiner appears to be relying on a combination of inherency with randomly selecting items from unrelated portions of the Kondo reference. This is using the four corners of Kondo but doing so without regard to what Kondo actually teaches.

Applicants request a telephone interview with the Examiner and the Examiner's supervisor to determine what is necessary to further this case towards allowance.

In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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